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Amendment and Reply to Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This document is responsive to the Action dated July 12, 2005 on the above-identified application. Applicants request respectfully that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.